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For: STORAGE SYSTEM

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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X 180	\$
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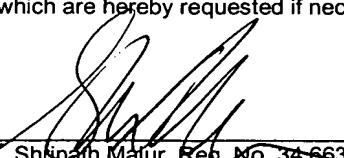
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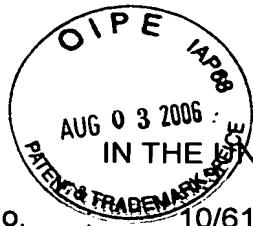
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 29, 2006 Applicants respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.